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New Rates for Public Transit Vanpool Service Announced

Clallam Transit System has announced its new rates for public transit vanpool service in 2015.

Since 2011, all vanpool service contracts are priced so that users all pay the same cost per mile, regardless of the type of vehicle being used. The per mile cost in 2015 has been set at $.45 per mile effective January 1. The minimum monthly amount for a vanpool group is $250.00, down from a minimum of $500.00 per month. The per mile cost has decreased from $.55 per mile in 2014. The adjustment is due to a revised method of calculating the actual cost per mile.

Clallam Transit now has 27 vanpool vans in service for work commute groups.

Sixteen of the vans end their work commute at the Clallam Bay Corrections Center in Clallam Bay. There are two vanpools traveling to Coast Guard stations; one at Neah Bay and one to La Push. Six vans end their work commute in the Upper Hoh area at the Olympic Corrections Center. Three vans are utilized in the west end job lift program operated by Olympic Community Action Programs (OlyCAP).

In year 2014, the vanpool participants logged over 630,000 miles of travel, with the majority of those miles traveled on Highway 112.

The fare structure for the vanpoolers is a definite bargain given the extra comfort that the vans afford, the reduction in travel time, and the reduction in wear and tear on individual's own personal vehicles.

Clallam Transit took delivery of three new propane-powered vans in 2014, for a total of 15 propane vans. In early 2015, five new gasoline vans will be added to the fleet. The vanpool fleet is a mix of gasoline and propane-powered vehicles. The vanpool vehicles are purchased with capital grant funding through the Washington State Department of Transportation's Vanpool Investment Program (VIP).

Anyone interested in vanpooling and the benefits of this public transit travel option or if you have any questions about joining or starting a vanpool, call Operations Supervisor Nancy Vivolo at 360/452-4511.

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